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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. CHARGE AND ECON OFFICER BRIEFED ABDELKADER HADJ AZZOUT,
CHIEF OF DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MFS,
MARCH 21 ON CURRENT USG THINKING ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS PER
REFTELS.

2. HADJ AZZOUT RECEPTIVE TO PRESENTATION. HE STATED THAT
GOA RECOGNIZED THAT GENERAL TREATY COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF
BEHAVIOR OF MULTINATIONAL FIRMS WOULD REQUIRE SEVERAL YEARS
TO NEGOTIATE AND THAT STRONG CURRENT OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION
BELIEVED ILLICIT PAYMENTS PROBLEM SHOULD BE TREATED IMMEDIATELY
IN SEPARATE TREATY AS FIRST STEP. HE SAID
THAT US DELEGATION COULD COUNT ON "UNDERSTANDING" FROM
ALGERIAN DELEGATION AND THAT ALGERIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE
PREPARED WORK WITH FELDMAN. (ALGERIAN DELEGATION
WILL BE HEADED BY ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN AND MAY INCLUDE
HADJ AZZOUT AS MEMBERS.)

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3. HADJ AZZOUT VIEWED US ACTION TO IMPOSE CRIMINAL
PENALTIES ON US NATIONALS WHO BRIBE FOREIGN OFFICIALS
AS POSITIVE STEP THAT WILL IMPROVE US IMAGE AND IMAGE OF
US FIRMS; HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN INCORPORATING IDEA INTO
MULTILATERAL TREATY. HE SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT
IMPACT OF ALGERIAN AFFIDAVIT SYSTEM BUT PROMISED HE WOULD
EXPLORE UTILITY OF SYSTEM AND WISDOM OF INCORPORATING IT

INTO MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH GOA MINISTRIES DIRECTLY
CONVERNED.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY PHILOSOPHICAL COMMENTARY ON ISSUE,
STRESSING PROBLEM IS "INTERNATIONAL CANCER" AND URGING
US DEL PLACE MORE STRESS ON "IMMORALITY" ISSUE AND ON
DESTRUCTIVE IMPACT OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS UPON SOCIETIES
WHERE THEY MADE.

5. COMMENT: WE SURPRISED BY ALGERIAN AGREEMENT
WITH GENRAL THRUST OF US POSITION AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO
SEPARATE ILLICIT PAYMENTS FROM OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING
MULTINATIONALS. ALGERIAN POSITION IN FORMATIVE STAGE,
HOWEVER, AND ALGERIANS ALWAYS CAPABLE OF TRYING TO TURN
EXERCISE INTO GENERAL CONDEMNATION OF US AND/OR MULTI-
NATIONALS. THIS CONTACT HOPEFUL SIGN, HOWEVER, AND WE
URGE USDEL TRY COORDINATE WITH ALGERIAN DELEGATION. HADJ
AZZOUT, IF HE ATTENDS, WILL BE BEST CONTACT.LYNE

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